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FROM WASHINGTON THIS P. M.

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[SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO EVENING TELEGRAPH,
WASHINGTON, October 6.

Health of Mr. Seward.

Much solicitude is expressed concerning the condition of Secretary Seward, and frequent telegrams of inquiry are received on the subject. It will be gratifying to his friends to

It will be gratifying to his friends to hear that his health is improving.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Colonel Bogy, of St. Louis, is in Washington but will not enter upon his duties as Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to which he was yesterday appointed, until the 1st of November.

The Reserve Lands of the Cherokee Indians.

It is already known that several days before Mr. Harlan retired from the office of Secretary of the Interior he executed a contract on the part of the Government of the United States

through himself as its representative, passing the title of the reserve lands of the Cherokee Indians, in the State of Kansas, to the Conkock Indian Emigration Society for \$300,000, or one dollar an acre, payable in regular instalments—
—with the privilege of taking the whole—the Society to receive the deed upon the payment of the stipulated funds. This subject was subsequently referred to Attorney-General St. Bernard, who yesterday rendered his opinion that the contract is not sustained by the treaty with

Freedmen's Bureau Affairs.
The Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau has received reports from Tennessee, Alabama and Arkansas for the month of August, all of which continue to give highly encouraging accounts of the return of peace and tranquillity to these States. Outrages upon and ill-treatment of the freedmen have been almost entirely stopped.

of the freedmen are less frequent. The freedmen themselves are generally employed and industrious, and are gaining more confidence in the whites. Everything indicates a desire on the part of the people to welcome the day that will restore quiet and harmony to that section of the country. Among certain classes the old antipathy to the Freedmen's Bureau still exists, and when disposed to resist the most distasteful enactments of the law, many of them grudge

The Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of the State of Alabama reports that during the month of August one hundred and ninety-four thousand seven hundred and forty rations were

The Assistant Commissioner for Arkansas states that in the same month he issued a thousand eight hundred and fifty-three rations to the freedmen, and one hundred and eighty-eight men, one hundred and twenty women, and two hundred and two children—and a thousand and forty-eight rations were issued. Four hundred and forty-nine refugees, of whom thirty-four were men, one hundred and forty

one woman, and two hundred and seventy-four children. The total number of rations issued was eleven thousand nine hundred and one, eight hundred and fifty-seven persons, at a cost of \$1517.

From Canada.

OTTAWA, October 6.—The Government is

quiring into the recent search of the steamer *Congress*, under United States colors, by the British gunboat *Rescue*. The American Government has demanded an apology. The British Consul at Buffalo has informed the Government that the *Congress* was a Fenian vessel, and that it had been armed to attack the shipping towns on Lake Erie.

JEFF. DAVIS.

FORREST MONROE, October 5.—Mr. Charles O'Connor was among this morning's arrivals from Baltimore. The object of his visit, of course, was to see Jeff. Davis, and his purported object, like his previous visits, were purely professional and private.

To predicate any probable results of the visit would be only launching into an uncertain and boundless sea of speculation. Taken in connection with the failure of the United States Cou-

O'Connor's recent interviews with the President and the Attorney-General, there can be no doubt of the gravest importance attaching to the visit and its probable vital bearing upon the release of Mr. Davis, through bail, or parole or writ of habeas corpus. For Mr. O'Connor must be said, upon this subject, and everything in fact pertaining to Mr. Davis except the simple matter of his health, he maintains a most guarded and, doubtless, discreet reticence. Touching Mr. Davis' health, however, he does not

not hesitate to say that his protracted imprisonment has been and is slowly but surely wearing his life away, till now there is but little strength and vitality left in him. He reports, according to the same inflexibility of

him as possessing the same inflexibility of will and *manuconera recta* he has evidenced from the outset of his imprisonment.

Mr. O'Connor left on this evening's steamer. He goes direct to New York.

MR. THOMAS MASSEY, Messenger of Select Council, died of cholera this morning. He was taken ill on Thursday last. He has occupied the position of messenger for many years. He leaves wife and large family.